

Valentines Disco

On Friday 14th February, children from F2 to Year 6 had a fantastic time at our Valentines Disco! They danced the afternoon away under our brand-new disco lights, which were purchased using donations from our Christmas Concerts. The afternoon was filled with fun, music and delicious treats, including hot dogs, juice and a tuck shop. After covering all expenses, we are delighted to announce that we raised £577! This has already been set aside to fund a special pantomime visit next January to see Cinderella. A huge thank you to everyone who supports our school events - your generosity helps us provide exciting extracurricular activities for the children.



Brooke's Big Bake Off

We're excited to announce that our social action group, supported by Club Doncaster, is fundraising for new playground equipment! To help, we're holding a school-wide bake sale on Monday, 10th March. Each class will take part in a Bake Off, baking and decorating buns to sell at the end of the school day for 50p each or a higher donation. The class that raises the most will be crowned Bake Off winners! Buns will be sold in the playground from 2:45 pm, and Club Doncaster has generously provided all ingredients and support. Children in Years 5 and 6 who walk home independently may bring money to buy buns, but they will be responsible for it. We hope you'll join us in supporting this fantastic initiative—all proceeds will go towards new playground equipment for the whole school!

Student Council

On Monday, our Student Council representatives had an exciting trip to the new play park in Thorne! They met with Thorne-Moorends councillors, the clerk and the builders to learn more about the project. The children were thrilled to see the park taking shape, asked fantastic questions and even got to watch the construction in action!



Year 2 Fire Station Visit

This week, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to Thorne Fire Station as part of their learning about The Great Fire of London and the origins of the fire service. The firefighters gave them a full tour of the station, showing different emergency vehicles and equipment and explaining their vital role in the community. They discussed the dangers of playing with matches and fire and shared how they respond to emergencies, including fires, car accidents, grass fires and even helping to remove stuck rings.

The children had a fantastic time exploring the fire station, sitting in a fire engine, and even operating the hose. It was a hands-on experience that truly brought their history lessons to life!



Beginnings

Look at how smart our Beginnings children look in their new uniforms ☀️. A huge thank you to Sew Special for their support. Uniforms can be ordered through the school or directly from Sew Special.



Red Nose Day 2025

Red Nose Day 2025 is just around the corner and this year’s theme is ‘a blast from the past’, to celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief.

Linking to the theme, each class will take part in a music quiz; listening to nostalgic classics from the 80s, 90s, noughties and 2010s, guessing when the popular songs were released. In addition to this, the children are invited to dress in clothing from a decade, something red or comic relief merchandise.



On this day, a donation of £1 is welcomed and during the morning the school council will visit each class to collect donations. The money we raise will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide.

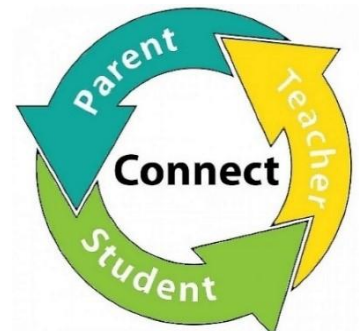
We really appreciate your support and hope that you’ll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

Pupil of the Week w/e 22/02/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Isla B
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Huxley S, Ivy J-P
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Skyla P
Y2 Miss Brown	Eva C D-R
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Lilly C
Y3 Miss Jackson	Freddie
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Kavya K
Y4 Mrs Brady	Mcauley M
Y5 Mr Jones	Savannah C
Y5 Mrs Potter	Liam H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Maia E
Y6 Mr Thomas	Sophia H

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Ellie R	Achieving ‘Managers Player’ at football



Picture News

Every Thursday afternoon, the children take part in a 'Picture News' assembly. This is used to support the personal development of the children. Picture News provides children with opportunities to develop their learning further through news stories that inspire them. It exposes children to a range of current issues including political, religious, cultural, environmental, social, moral and spiritual. It makes British Values relevant and meaningful which develop links between personal, school and community values. It also allows children to demonstrate respect and tolerance.



TAKEHOME 24th February - 2nd March



In the news this week

A girls' football team, in York, has launched a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair. Get Over It!'. This was prompted by parents and coaches of opposition teams questioning whether all the players were girls, due to some having short hair. The team has received a positive response, with other young players, who have experienced similar situations, reaching out.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news and your thoughts about the campaign. What changes do you think it hopes to bring?
- > Can you think of any other campaigns that have helped to bring about positive change? Ask someone at home if they can recall one too.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 14/02/2025 (Spring 1, Week 6)

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, **we need to work together**. The Government has launched a national campaign, aimed at parents and carers, on the importance of school attendance. Our goal is to create a nurturing bond between parents and school, emphasising the pivotal role attendance has in enhancing their child's overall wellbeing. Being in school is essential to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development**.

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Winner</u>
EYFS	F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	88.1%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	96.2%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	94.7%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield – Class games session
	Y2 Miss Brown	95.2%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	99.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	95.6%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Cookies
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	98.3%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	94.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	93.3%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Extra Break
	Y5 Mrs Potter	92.9%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.4%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95.8%	
Total	95.1%		

Lateness

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 15 minutes late every week, this adds up to a loss of 3+ days of education every year
- If you are 15 minutes late every day, this adds up to a loss of 2+ weeks of education every year
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How to help ensure your child arrives in school on time everyday

- get up early and make sure your child leaves the house on time
- prepare uniform and bags the night before
- attend breakfast club if needed (breakfast club opens at 07:30)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.
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Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- it may be embarrassing walking into a class that has already started working
- it disturbs lessons, impacting other pupils
- missing even part of a lesson can make learning more difficult
- lateness contributes to your child having a poor attendance record

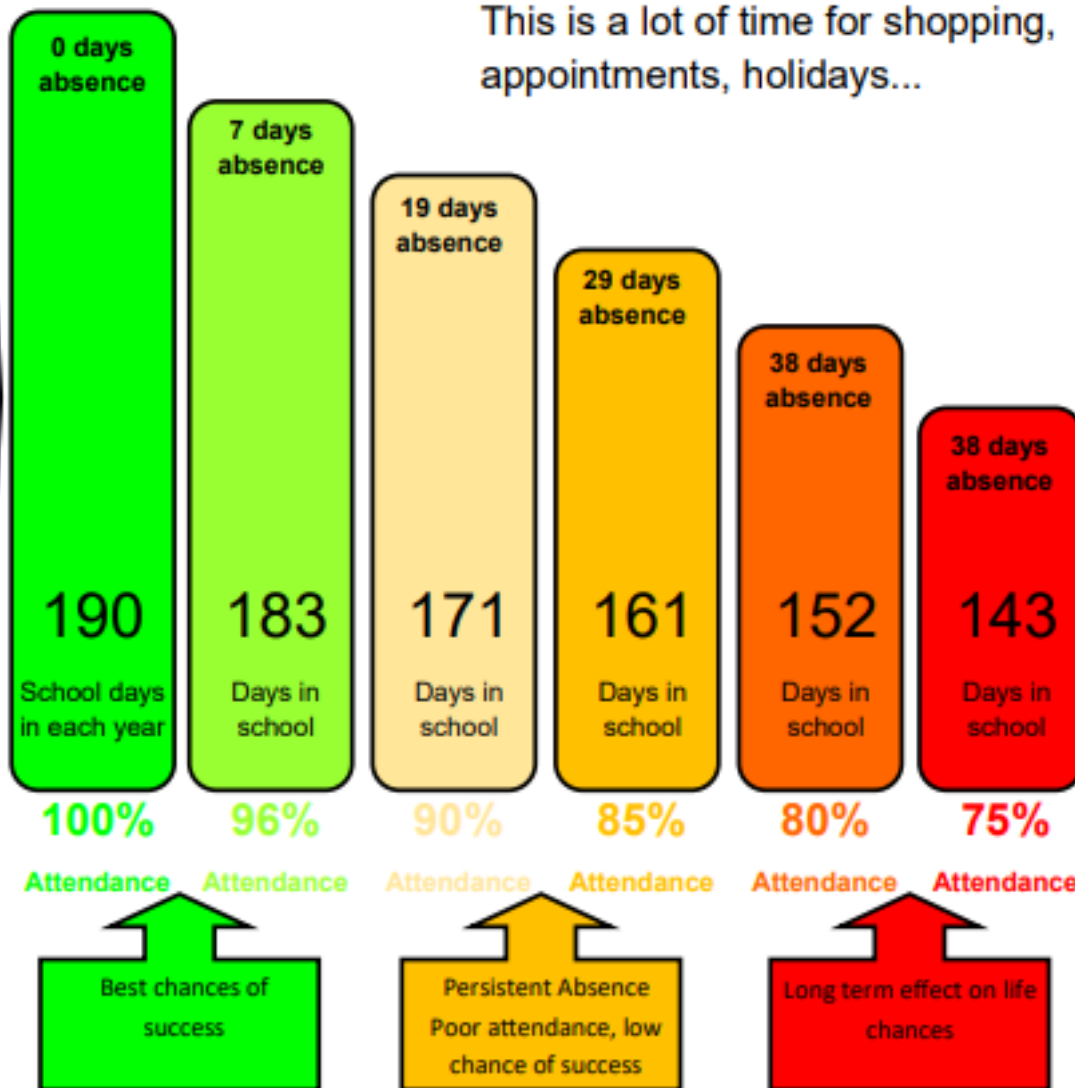


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...being in school at least
96% of the time (183+ days)

175 days are non-school days
This is a lot of time for shopping,
appointments, holidays...

365 days in a calendar year



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that
the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

Important Dates

Spring 2

- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – [World-Book-Day-2025-letter.pdf](#)
- Monday 10th March – Brooke's Big Bake Off [Brookes-Big-Bake-Off.pdf](#)
- Thursday 13th March – Y2 Trip to Austerfield [Y2-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Y4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park [Y4-Yorkshire-Wildlife-Park.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Y5 Thorne Park Visit [Y5-Thorne-Park-Visit-1.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day - [Red-Nose-Day-2025.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 26th March – Class Photographs
- Tuesday 1st April – Y2 Austerfield Trip [Y2-Austerfield-Trip.pdf](#)
- Friday 4th April – Last day for Easter egg decorating entries [Easter-2025-Activities-and-Arrangements.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 9th April – Final day to buy Easter raffle tickets [Easter-2025-Activities-and-Arrangements.pdf](#)
- Friday 11th April – School closes for end of term.

Summer 1

- Monday 28th April – Staff training day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 29th April – School re-opens for Summer 1 term
- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Wednesday 14th May – EYFS, Beginnings & Branches Purple Pig Company Visit [Purple-Pig-Farm-Company-Visit.pdf](#)
- Friday 23rd May – Staff training day – School closed to pupils
- Friday 23rd May – School closes for half term

Have a wonderful weekend.

Brooke Primary Academy